

LESSON PLAN

At-Home ART PROJECT: My Mirror/Mandala INSTRUCTIONS

MATERIALS Needed From Your Home:

1. A Piece of Square Paper (to use as the base)
 - Can be cut to any size; 6"X6", 8"X8", 10"X10" etc.
 - Can be any type of paper, copy paper, cardstock (recommended) etc.
2. Decorative Papers (anything with a pattern or imagery)
 - Newsprint, magazine pages, wrapping paper, solid colors, construction paper, mailers, anything you might have around the house, etc.
3. Scissors
4. Glue stick

ART PROJECT DESCRIPTION: You will create a collage incorporating symmetry in your design, considering reflection and mirroring - not only in your artwork but within yourself. Use a variety of decorative papers to cut and tear identical shapes and place proportionately, layering forms from large (background) to small (foreground), creating a colorful and balanced non-objective composition. Consider repeated shapes, color and patterns as you create.

PROMPT QUESTIONS:

- What do you see in the world around you that has symmetry?
- How is symmetry about "mirroring" and reflection?
- What does it mean when we hear "we are made of layers"?
- How can you express something about yourself through symmetry, layering, color and texture?

ART MAKING PROCESS:

Step 1:

- Review provided inspirational image from the *Edges Frayed* art exhibit and project sample photos below.

Step 2:

- Begin with your square shaped base paper.
- Fold the square in half to create a visual crease, then lay flat on your workspace.

Step 3:

- Begin by using the variety of decorative papers you have collected.
- Start by creating a few large shapes that break up the background:
 - To create larger symmetrical shapes, fold the paper in half and cut (or tear) an organic shape by cutting away from the fold (toward the non-folded edge).
 - To create smaller symmetrical shapes, fold the paper in half and cut (or tear) an organic shape by cutting closer toward the folded edge (away from the non-folded edge).

Step 4:

- Once a shape has been cut, align the middle of the shape with the creased line on your base paper.
- Glue as you go, and as you layer the different shapes you cut, layer big to small.

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Step 5:

- Add additional shapes throughout your composition as you desire.
- Use small scraps of paper to add detail to your design.

Step 6:

- Don't forget to sign your work of art!

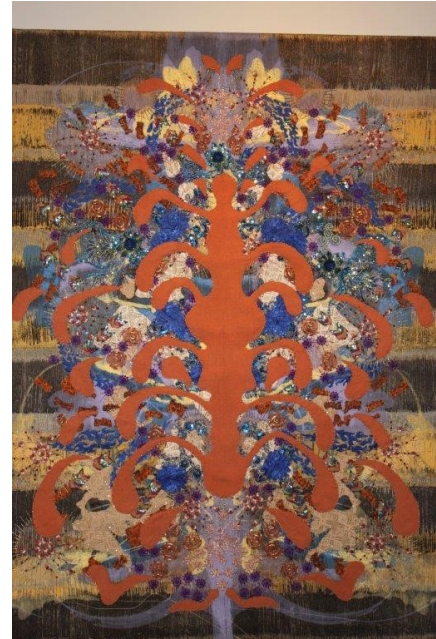
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INSPIRATION SHEET

Inspirational Images from “Edges Frayed” Exhibit:



Irma Sofia Poeter
Towards the Light, 2017
Fabric, paint, lace, embroidery, sequence on fabric.



Irma Sofia Poeter
Fountain, 2018
Fabric, lace, embroidery on fabric

Project Sample Photos:

